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SUBJECT: NDP, DUP DEMAND ASSEMBLY SESSION ON EMERGENCY MEASURES

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1. PRESS REPORTS THAT NDP FLOOR LEADER YI MIN-U JANUARY 9 CALLED FOR DRP TO CONVENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BEFORE JANUARY 20, TO HEAR GOVERNMENT REPORT ON EMERGENCY MEASURES (REFTEL REPORTED BACKGROUND ON NDP ACTION). GOVERNMENT PARTY, HOWEVER, HAS REJECTED DEMAND. DRP FLOOR LEADER KIM YONG-TAE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD WAIT AND SEE HOW THE MEASURES ARE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION.

2. LEADERS OF DPP MET JANUARY 9 TO DISCUSS THE EMERGENCY MEASURES; THEY ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING REGRET OVER PROCLAMATION AND CALLING FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. PARTY ALSO ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE EMERGENCY SITUATION.

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3. ACCORDING TO PRESS, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS

OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED ABOUT PROCLAMATION JANUARY 9,  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 53 OF CONSTITUTION.  
SPEAKER CHONG IL-KWON THEN REPORTEDLY SENT LETTERS  
TO ALL ASSEMBLYMEN EXPLAINING THE SITUATION.

4. PRESS REACTION TO PROCLAMATION PREDICTABLY HAS  
BEEN LIMITED. ONLY EDITORIAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN  
FAVORABLE COMMENT IN PRO-GOVERNMENT SEOUL SINMUN,  
KYONGHYANG SINMUN AND KOREA HERALD. PRESS  
HANDLING OF NDP CALL FOR ASSEMBLY SESSION WAS  
STRAIGHT-FORWARD, AND FACTUAL. DUP STATEMENT  
BROADCAST IN DEVELOPMENT WAS NOT IN PAPERS,

AND JOURNALIST HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT THERE IS  
REPORT DUP SPOKESMAN KIM NOK-YONG WAS PICKED UP  
BY POLICE FOR ISSUING THE STATEMENT.

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